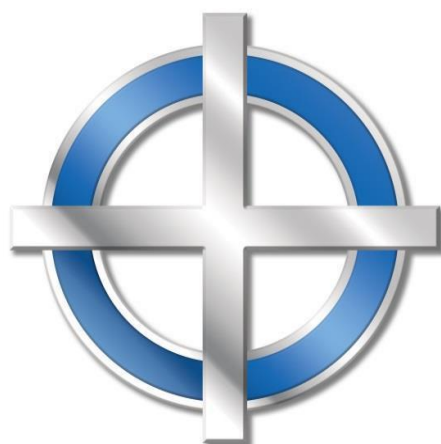




# THE LICENSING OF READERS

*OFFICIANT*

THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH BUSHYAGER  
BISHOP OF HORSHAM



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**11.00AM**

# INTRODUCTION

A very warm welcome to the families, friends and those who have come from the parishes of the candidates to support those who are to be licensed as Readers or made Reader Emeritus during the service this morning at the Cathedral.

**Today the Bishop of Horsham will admit the following candidates to the office of Reader in the Church of England and license them to their parishes:**

JOSEPHINE (JO) BROWSE

*Warnham*

DEBORAH COWIE

*Worth, Poundhill and Maidenbower*

IAN HOLLAND

*West Grinstead*

BEVERLEY KILICK

*Gossops Green*

PAMELA (PAM) LEWIS

*Rustington*

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

*West Grinstead*

**She will also confer the title Reader Emeritus on this retired Reader:**

HENRY JAMES (JIM) EDWARD LATTER

*West Chiltington*

**Please pray for them and their parishes.**

*Immediately before this service of Admission and Licensing, the candidates made the Declarations of Assent and Obedience and the Declaration required by Canon E6 before the Bishop. The Bishop said*

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

*The candidates responded*

I, N, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

I, N, will give due obedience to the Lord Bishop of Chichester and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, N, about to be licensed to exercise the office of Reader in the Parish of N, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN



All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust;  
but God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*NEH 333*  
*Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*  
*based on Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

*Michael*  
*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## THE PREPARATION

*The Bishop greets the people:*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

Peace be with you

*All*     **and also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the Eucharist.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The Bishop invites the people to confess their sins:*

*All*     **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*The Bishop pronounces the Absolution:*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the

High - est.     Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and

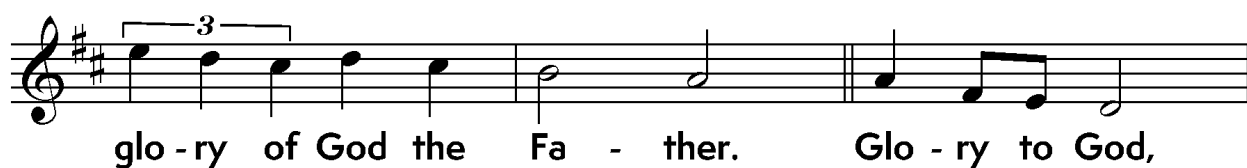
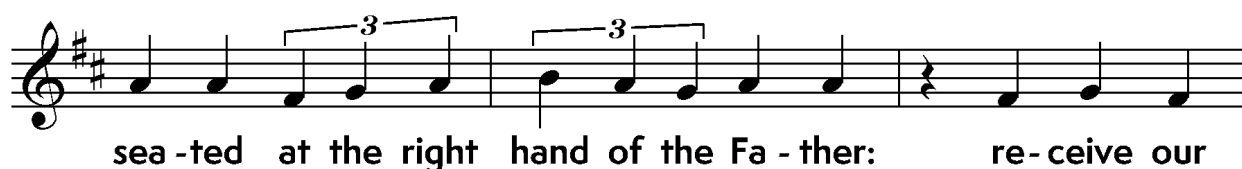
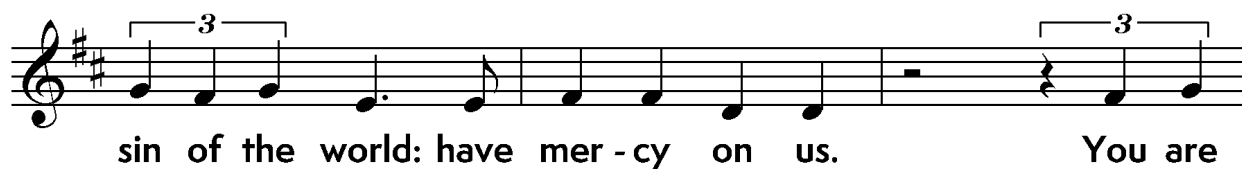
peace to his peo - ple on earth.     Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry.     Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The text is: "Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the High - est. Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the".





## THE COLLECT

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Read by Alison Hassell*

*Assistant Warden of Lay Ministry, Hastings Archdeaconry*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Isaiah 61: 1-4*

*Please stand.*

## HYMN



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*NEH 339*

*c. 8<sup>th</sup>-century Irish words*

*tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)*

*versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

*Slane*

*Traditional Irish melody*

*Harmony by Erik Routley (1917-1982)*

*Please sit.*

## THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Read by Martin Hennock*

*Assistant Warden of Lay Ministry, Horsham Archdeaconry*

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

*2 Timothy 4: 1-5*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand. The cantor leads the Gospel acclamation:*



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

*Read by The Reverend Beverley Miles*

*Chaplain to Senior Readers*

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Luke 12: 35-40*

*Please remain standing as the Gospel procession returns.*

## SERMON

*The Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager  
Bishop of Horsham*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Led by John Sheppard  
Assistant Warden of Lay Ministry, Chichester Archdeaconry*

*Please sit or stand. These responses are used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
*All*     **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
*All*     **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## CONFERRAL OF THE TITLE 'EMERITUS'

*Please sit. The Reader stands and is presented to the Bishop by The Reverend Beverley Miles, Chaplain to Senior Readers.*

*The Bishop says*

It is both a right and a joy that we recognise the contribution that this Reader has made to the ministry of the Church over the past years and thank God for his service and dedication.

Almighty God,  
giver of all good things,  
sustain your servant Jim  
and give him your strength and guidance  
as he continues daily in your service.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The Reader Emeritus receives their certificate and badge from the Bishop.*

# THE ADMISSION AND LICENSING OF READERS

*Please remain seated.*

## INTRODUCTION

*The Bishop says*

My brothers and sisters, God has called us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members of his body, Christ calls us to minister together in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Readers are called to a ministry of the word, preaching and teaching, inspiring others to follow the way of Christ, and calling them to share in the good news of the kingdom. They are called to a liturgical ministry, leading worship, proclaiming the gospel story and helping God's people to greet their living Lord, so that they may worship him, praise him and live by his commands.

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION

*The candidates for admission stand and are presented to the Bishop by Greg Moore, Officer for Lay Ministry and Training.*

*The Bishop asks these questions:*

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby affirmed and declared their belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

*Officer:* They have.



Are they persons of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

*Officer:* They are.

Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

*Officer:* They have.

## THE QUESTIONS

*The Bishop turns to the candidates and says*

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Reader, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Candidates:* **I do so believe.**

Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

*Candidates:* **By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

*Candidates:* **By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

*Candidates:* **By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

*Candidates:* **By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

*Candidates:* **By the grace of God, I will.**

*The candidates turn and face the congregation. The Bishop says*

Brothers and sisters, these candidates have been chosen for the office of Reader. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All* **We will.**

Will you continue to pray for them?

*All* **We will.**

*The Bishop invites the incumbents of the new Readers' parishes to stand, and asks*

Will you work closely with your new Reader and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

*Incumbents:* **I will.**

Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

*Incumbents:* **I will.**

## THE ADMISSION AND LICENSING

*The candidates stand before the Bishop, and their parish priests stand behind them. The Bishop admits them to the office of Reader by the delivery of a copy of the Scriptures in accordance with Canon E5, with these words:*

N, I admit you as a Reader in the Church,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Candidate:* Amen.

*The Bishop then blesses them in these or other suitable words:*

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage,  
strength and love to do his will,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,  
now and always.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The Bishop hands the newly admitted Readers their licences with these words:*

Receive authority to exercise the office of Reader in this diocese.  
May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day  
onwards.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The licences having been received, the Bishop says to the newly licensed Readers*

We welcome you as ministers of God's word.

*All*     **May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The new Readers are vested with a blue scarf by their parish priests. The newly admitted Readers and their incumbents return to their seats.*

## REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO READER MINISTRY

*The Bishop asks all licensed Readers to stand, and says*

My brothers and sisters, in the name of the Church I thank you for your faithful ministry as Readers. I pray God's continuing blessing upon you and invite you now to renew your commitment to the ministry entrusted to you.

Therefore I ask:

Will you, as a Reader, continue, as far as in you lies, to promote peace and unity and to conduct yourself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church and for the Spiritual welfare of all people?

*Readers:* **With God's help, I will.**

Will you continue to study the Scriptures, to deepen your knowledge of the Christian faith and to grow in your discipleship of Christ?

*Readers:* **With God's help, I will.**

Will you give obedience to those who are set in authority over you and will you work willingly and collaboratively with all who are your fellow-workers in the gospel?

*Readers:* **With God's help, I will.**

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you to make Christ known to all?

*Readers:* **With God's help, I will.**

Almighty God,  
who has given you the will to undertake these things,  
give you also the strength to perform them,  
that he may complete that work that he has begun in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All pray together:*

*All*     **God our Father,  
we offer our lives to do your work  
in your Church and in the world.  
Help us by your Holy Spirit to hear more clearly  
your call to deeper commitment to your service,  
and give us grace to respond with gladness;  
for the glory of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Bishop introduces the Peace:*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us,  
and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

*All*     The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*When exchanging the Peace, please respect others' personal boundaries.*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*During this hymn the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it, while a collection is taken to support Reader training and development in the Diocese of Chichester.*



*To make a cashless donation, either scan this QR code or visit **thyg.uk/AQU98557**.*



**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
    they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak my word to them.  
    Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them,  
    my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied,  
I will give my life to them.  
    Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son  
and coming among us as one who serves,  
he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom  
who make themselves least and the servants of all.  
Although he was their teacher and their Lord,  
he washed the feet of his disciples,  
and commanded us to do the same.

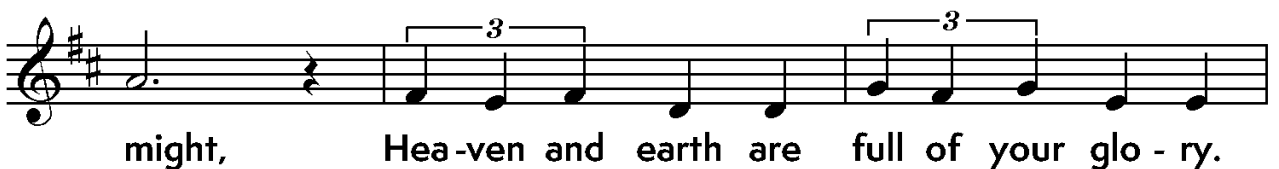
Through your Holy Spirit  
you bestow upon your people  
a rich diversity of gifts and ministries,  
and from this royal priesthood  
you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,  
to care for your people  
and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ.  
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed  
and build up his body, the Church,  
to the greater glory of your name.



And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*All sing:*



*The Eucharistic Prayer continues:*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All*    **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Please remain standing.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All*     **Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*     **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of



God, you take a way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Bishop invites the people to receive Holy Communion:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All*     **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The Bishop and the people receive Holy Communion. Please sit until directed by the Stewards, indicating if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

*The Church of England welcomes to Holy Communion baptized and communicant members of other Trinitarian churches. Others, including those prevented by conscience or the rules of their own church from receiving Holy Communion are invited to approach one of the ministers for a blessing. Please hold this order of service to indicate your wish to receive a blessing.*

*During and after Holy Communion the following hymns may be sung:*

## HYMN



The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.  
*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

# HYMN

Give thanks with a grate ful heart, give thanks to the

Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's gi- ven Je-sus

Christ, his Son. Give Son. And now let the

weak say 'I am strong!' Let the poor say 'I am

rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!' And now let the weak say 'I am strong!' Let the

poor say 'I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has

done for us! Give us! Give thanks.

*When all have received Holy Communion a short period of silence will be kept.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Please stand.*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**



## THE SENDING OUT

### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you  
*All*     **and also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All*     **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
*All*     **now and for ever. Amen.**

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.  
*All*     **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.  
*All*     **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.  
*All*     **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
*All*     **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN



Go at the call of God,  
the call to follow on,  
to leave security behind  
and go where Christ has gone.  
Go in the name of God,  
the name of Christ you bear;  
take up the cross, the Saviour's love  
with all the world to share.

Go in the love of God,  
explore its depth and height,  
held fast by love that cares and heals,  
in love walk in the light.  
Go in the strength of God,  
in weakness prove God true;  
the strength that dares to love and serve  
God will pour out in you.

**Go with the saints of God,  
our common life upbuild,  
that daily as we walk God's way  
we may with love be filled.  
O God, to you we come,  
your power alone to know,  
your name to own, your strength to prove,  
and at your call to go.**

*Rosalind Brown (b. 1953)*

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George Elvey (1816-1893)*

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